

## House Resolution 117

By: Representatives Jasperse of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>, Duncan of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Brockway of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, and Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the University of Georgia, Augusta University, the Georgia Institute of  
2 Technology, and Georgia State University for their contributions to higher education; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia comprises 28 public institutions with a  
5 current enrollment of more than 321,000 students and has a significant educational, research,  
6 and community presence in all 159 counties of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia, one of the largest employers in Georgia, has  
8 generated over 150,000 jobs and \$15.5 billion in economic impact and is committed to  
9 graduating more students who are prepared for today's workforce challenges, making a  
10 college degree an affordable goal and accomplishment and being good stewards of the state's  
11 investment in higher education; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia's four public research universities include the University of Georgia,  
13 Augusta University, Georgia Tech, and Georgia State University and all work to educate  
14 future teachers, engineers, researchers, health care professionals, industry experts, and civic  
15 leaders; and

16 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia is the birthplace of the American system of public  
17 higher education, having been granted a charter by the Georgia General Assembly on  
18 January 27, 1785, and a comprehensive land-grant and sea-grant research institution  
19 composed of 17 schools and colleges with an enrollment of more than 36,000 students; and

20 WHEREAS, Augusta University is Georgia's health sciences university and a growing  
21 national center for cybersecurity education, graduating high-impact leaders in STEM, the  
22 liberal arts, education, and business; home to the state's dental and public medical colleges  
23 and the prime provider of Georgia's medical practitioners; a discovery-to-treatment  
24 environment with a \$100 million research investment in cancer, neuroscience, stroke, cardiac

25 care, and more; home to the Georgia Cancer Center and Center for Rural Health, dedicated  
26 to improving the health of all Georgians no matter where they live; and

27 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology, serving more than 25,000 students as the  
28 number seven public university in the nation, has a \$2.87 billion annual economic impact on  
29 the state, recently assisting 1,075 Georgia manufacturing companies and creating or saving  
30 2,348 jobs in Georgia, as well as being number two in the nation for annualized return on  
31 investment in higher education; and

32 WHEREAS, Georgia State University has been named the fourth most innovative university  
33 by *U.S. News and World Report* for its pioneering use of predictive analytics in student  
34 advisement, which has become a national model for student success; this hotbed of growth  
35 and innovation has increased graduation rates while saving students over \$15 million in  
36 tuition and fees by changing their course loads and shortening their time to graduation; and

37 WHEREAS, the presidents and students of these fine institutions are welcomed to the  
38 Georgia State Capitol on February 1, 2017.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
40 the members of this body commend the University of Georgia, Augusta University, the  
41 Georgia Institute of Technology, and Georgia State University for their exemplary efforts  
42 and commitment to higher education in Georgia.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
44 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available to the Student  
45 Government Associations of these fine institutions.